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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 14-25, 27, 29-32, 34-44, 46-56, 60-62, 67-76 and 78-80 are pending in the present application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 14-25, 27, 29-32, 34-44, 46-56, 60-62 and 67-75. Claim 25 was amended to correct a scrivener's error. In addition, Claim 76 has been amended, Claim 77 has been cancelled and Claim 80 has been added. These amendments and additions have added no new matter.

Interview Summary

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephonic interview conducted on March 10, 2005. During the interview, U.K. Patent Application No. 2 322 248 A to Fujitsu Limited with inventor Ken Hashimoto was discussed in view of the features recited in Claims 76 and 78.

The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Claim Rejections

Pending Claims 76 and 78 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.K. Patent Application No. 2 322 248A to Fujitsu Limited with inventor Ken Hashimoto (hereinafter "Hashimoto") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,802 to Tell et al. (hereinafter "Tell"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Claim 76

Independent Claim 76 has been amended to incorporate the features provided in dependent Claim 77, and Claim 77 has been cancelled. Dependent Claim 77 was identified by the Examiner as allowable if re-written to include the features of Claim 76. Accordingly, independent Claim 76 as amended is allowable. Removal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of Claim 76 is respectfully requested.

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Claims 78

Claim 78 is directed to a system for notification of a position of mobile communication terminals. The system includes a location information generating unit that is configured to generate location information for a first mobile communication terminal and a second mobile communication terminal in a respective first and second format. The system also includes a location information representational format converting unit configured to convert the location information in the first or the second format to a format that is compatible with a computer in communication with the respective first or second mobile communication terminal. The computer is configured to provide location-related information to the respective first or second mobile communication terminal.

Hashimoto, on the other hand, describes a single portable remote terminal that includes a plurality of on-board position systems that include GPS, D-GPS, portable telephone base station, PHS base station, radio marker and local movement detection functionality (P. 8-9 and Fig. 1). The portable remote terminal acquires the current position of the portable remote terminal by use of the highest precision position information available from the various systems. (P. 12 lines 11-23). Clearly, Hashimoto does not teach, suggest or disclose a location information generating unit that is configured to generate location information for a first and a second mobile communication terminal as described in Claim 78. Conversely, Hashimoto teaches away from a location information generating unit that converts location information from first and second mobile communication terminals as provided in Claim 78 since the generation of location information as taught by Hashimoto completely takes place inside of a single remote terminal. Clearly, there is no teaching or suggestion that the remote terminal of Hashimoto is capable of generating location information of a second mobile communication terminal.

Hashimoto also fails to teach, suggest or disclose conversion of location information to a format compatible with a computer in communication with the first or second mobile communication terminals that is configured to provide location-related information to the respective first or second mobile communication terminal as provided in Claim 78. In contrast, the remote terminal of Hashimoto itself completely generates and displays the current location.

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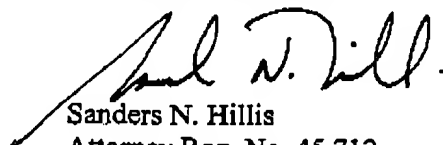
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Accordingly, Hashimoto teaches away from a computer in communication with a first or a second mobile communication terminal that is configured to provide location related information as described in Claim 78. In addition to the previous discussion that the remote terminal taught by Hashimoto is only a single remote terminal, it would also make no sense for Hashimoto to have a computer configured to provide location related information since the remote terminal taught by Hashimoto has already itself generated and provided such information.

Based on the foregoing, all of the claim features disclosed by Claim 78 are not taught or suggested by Hashimoto or Tell either alone or in combination. Thus, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the removal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of Claim 78.

The application is believed to now be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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